

A GALA TIME

Battleship South Carolina Presented With Silver Service

AND PALMETTO FLAG

Brilliant Presentation Ceremony at Charleston on Tuesday.—Captain Fechteler Accepts Silver Service from Gov. Ansel.—Palmetto Flag Given by D. A. R. State Chapter.

Crowning a period of gayeties and pleasure almost unexampled in the history of Charleston, the most important event of "battleship week" took place at noon Tuesday at the academy of music when Governor M. F. Ansel presented to Captain A. F. Fechteler, of the battleship South Carolina, a magnificent silver service as the gift of the State. The presentation was made in the presence of an audience which completely filled the large building, and which throughout the exercises displayed the utmost enthusiasm.

Governor Ansel delivered the presentation address, and the response was made by Captain Fechteler of the battleship. An interesting feature of the exercises was the presentation by Mrs. R. Moultrie Bratton, state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of a Palmetto flag. Commander J. C. Leonard, in accepting the flag declared that no foe should ever take it away from the South Carolina.

Since the arrival of the South Carolina in this port early Sunday morning Charleston has given itself over to a series of elaborate entertainments in honor of the ship, which is the largest vessel of war that has ever entered the harbor. These culminated Tuesday afternoon with a reception aboard the vessel, and on Tuesday night with another reception tendered by the governor at the Charleston hotel.

This hotel was the scene of one of the most notable banquets ever given in Charleston, all the city's distinguished guests being present.

Among the speakers were Captain Fechteler, who said that the Charleston Navy Yard has the best plant in the country; Congressman George E. Foss, chairman of the House committee on Naval affairs, who stated that the dry dock and buildings were not surpassed anywhere and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop. The battleship will remain in the harbor until Friday, and until her departure, the round of entertainments will not cease. Wednesday night the Carolina Yacht club was the host at a grand ball at the Navy Yard, while Wednesday morning and today was devoted to the entertainment of the crew of the battleship.

The mascot, a game cock of the famous South Carolina strain, who distinguished himself by killing another cock which accidentally entered his enclosure, was presented by the Mayor to the crew of the battleship.

ECHOES FROM THE DEAD.

Interesting Things Found in the St. Paul Coal Mine.

"All alive 2 p. m., November 14." This the latest message from the fatal St. Paul coal mine fire was brought to light Monday at Cherry Hill, with the recovery of 31 miners' bodies which had been entombed since the disaster of last November. The bodies were taken from the lowest level, 500 feet below ground. The men had retreated to a space 20 feet square and had constructed a rye fan of board to keep the air circulating. On the fan in big letters were chalked the words quoted above, indicating that the men had lived at least until the day after the fire started. Evidently the men had taken turns at the crank of the fan, for one of the bodies had fallen over the handles as though he had died while struggling to maintain the air current.

That the miners were in the habit of keeping their savings on their persons were shown by the large sums of money found on the bodies. One miner had in his belt \$1,400. In the belt of another was found \$190, and another had \$172.

It was declared by the mine company's officers that all the nearly 300 miners killed by the disaster had been accounted for. A few bodies are still in the mine, but within a few days, the mine will be cleared and ready for work.

Blew Up His Family.

At Neguague, Mich., Frank Haarrnan, a miner, aged 31, placed a stick of dynamite Saturday under the bed in which his wife and three-year-old daughter were sleeping, and another stick under the couch, where he slept with his five-year-old boy. When the dynamite was exploded, the man, woman and boy were blown to atoms. The little girl had seemingly a miraculous escape, being found practically unhurt on the floor of the room.

NOTED TRIAL ENDED

DR. MILLER AND MRS. SAYLER CONVICTED OF

Murdering Mrs. Sayler's Husband, and Given Twelve and Three Years Respectively in Prison.

At Watseka, Ill., Dr. W. R. Miller and Mrs. J. B. Sayler whose names have been coupled in the Sayler murder trial, Monday were found guilty of manslaughter for the slaying of J. B. Sayler of Crescent City, husband of the woman, last July. John Grunden, medicine vender from Oklahoma. Mrs. Sayler's father was acquitted.

Punishment was fixed by the jury in Dr. Miller's case at twelve years imprisonment in the penitentiary while imprisonment for three years was allotted to Mrs. Sayler.

When the verdict finding Mrs. Sayler guilty was read, she threw herself into the arms of her daughter, who sat beside her and sobbed convulsively. Mrs. Miller clung weeping to her husband and he clasped her to him.

Attorney F. P. Morris made the formal motion for a new trial for the prisoners. State's Attorney Jno. P. Pallissard agreed to the setting of the motion for argument April 30.

For the first time since he was arrested, Dr. Miller felt the grip of handcuffs as he was taken from the court room to the county jail after an affectionate farewell to his wife.

Mrs. Sayler, somewhat recovered from her emotion, walked unshackled to the cell which has been her home for many months. John Grunden, with squared shoulders, went from the court house a free man.

The crime for which the defendants, Dr. Miller and Mrs. Sayler, were found guilty was the slaying of J. B. Sayler in the parlor of his home. The State in the trial brought out much evidence concerning alleged intimacy of Mrs. Sayler and Dr. Miller and scoffed at the plea of self-defense advanced together with the story of the defendants that Mr. Sayler precipitated his death by attacking Dr. Miller with a hatchet without provocation.

RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Negro Who Loaned Another a Pistol to Murder a Man.

The body of Stuart Holland, brother-in-law of John Seay, a negro, who is in the county jail for the shooting of James Armstrong, the time keeper of the Tennessee Company, at Ishkooda, Ala., Saturday afternoon, was found in the woods near that place riddled with bullets. Holland advised Seay to shoot Armstrong. It is said, and loaned him the revolver with which the crime was committed. Another negro who did considerable talking after the shooting of Armstrong, was taken into the woods of the night of Holland's death, stripped of his clothing, buckled over a log, and whipped.

HID MONEY IN HER RAT.

Woman Conceals Sum Which Husband Had Lifted.

At Greenville Bob Duncan, Ralph McCall and C. Williams, three white men are under arrest charged with lugging and robbing James Aiken of \$350 at a house in the suburbs. Aiken had just gotten the money in payment of insurance for a house lost by fire several weeks ago. Officers had a hard time in fastening the robbery on the men under arrest. Finally, however, in searching Duncan's home and the members of his family they found \$50 in money wound up and hid in the "rat" on Mrs. Duncan's head. Another sum was found tailed down in the bottom of the well bucket.

A YOUNG MOTHER.

A Chicago Girl Ten Years Old Gives Birth to a Child.

The officials of the Chicago Juvenile Court began on Tuesday on investigation of the case of Annie Epps, 10 years old, who gave birth to a girl baby at the county hospital several days ago. It was reported that the young mother and child were doing well. The young mother's age was investigated and it has been found absolutely true that she is just 10 years old, a physicians at the hospital said. "She is one of the youngest mothers known in this part of the world."

Found in a Trunk.

The body of Mrs. Gertrude Maxwell, a wealthy widow, who lived alone on a farm near Palmyra, Me., was found Tuesday in a trunk at her home by the sheriff. A club was found in the room but the body bore no marks of violence.

Many Goats Lost.

A dispatch from San Antonio, Texas, says eighty thousand goats perished in Frio Nueces valley as the result of the recent heavy rains.

WAXES WROTH

Speaker Cannon Gets Mad Because Refused an Automobile and

ABUSES INSURGENTS

Because These "Outlawed" Republicans Joined the Democrats in Voting Against Appropriation for Expense of Autos for the Speaker and Vice-President Recently.

Old man Joe Cannon is mad, very mad, again. A Washington dispatch says, almost the entire "Insurgent" strength of the House was joined with the Democrats on Friday in what was generally acknowledged to be an additional rebuke to Speaker Cannon.

A conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill contained an agreement to appropriate for the expense of automobiles previously provided for Speaker Cannon and vice-President Sherman. The House reiterated its disapproval of these expenditures and by a vote of 111 to 132, refused to agree to the report, sending it back to the conferees for further consideration.

After this action had been taken Mr. Cannon, leaving the chair, went to the Republican side of the House and there delivered a speech that contained much of sarcasm and invective. He again defied the "Insurgents" and intimated that they lacked courage to join with the solid minority in deposing him. Encouraging his Republican colleagues and admonishing the Democrats, he declared he believed a Republican majority would be returned in the coming election.

Minority Leader Clark made a speech, in which he insisted that if given an opportunity the Democrats would endeavor to realize the suggestion of Senator Aldrich that the expenses of the Government might be curtailed to the extent of \$300,000,000 annually.

Mr. Sims of Tennessee was among the leaders in opposing the appropriations for automobiles for the Speaker or the Vice President to the clearing it cost \$20 daily to bring the Speaker of the Vice President to the Capitol. With intense interest the roll call was listened to in order to determine how the Insurgents were voting, as it was realized their attitude would settle the outcome. The result was soon foreseen and the announcement provoked applause on the Democratic side.

Then Mr. Mann, of Illinois, arose and said in sarcastic tones, that "this is more than child's play."

"If this is a Democratic leadership," added Mr. Mann, "I hope to be delivered from it in the future."

You will," came from a score of Democratic members.

Minority Leader Champ Clark gave the House a statement of his purpose to work for economy, whether that was denominated "child's play" or anything else.

Mr. Clarke said he would come to Congress if there were no salary attached to the office.

"If we ever get possession of the Government," he said, addressing his colleagues, "I propose to make good Senator Aldrich's declaration that this government can be run for \$300,000,000 less per year than it now costs."

Speaker Cannon then requested Mr. Mann, of Illinois, to take the chair, after which he addressed the House. He abused the Insurgents roundly. It was evident that the old fellow felt sore over being denied the appropriation for operating his automobile.

A YOUNG MURDERER.

Killed a Young Girl and Will Hang for His Crime.

At DeLand, Fla., the jury Tuesday brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree against Irving Hatchett, a young white man, who, on February 12, stabbed to death Cleve Tedder, a 14-year-old girl. Judge Minor Jones pronounced the death sentence. Hatchett met the girl in the road, and when she repulsed his improper advances and threatened to expose him, he stabbed her 63 times. The murderer had been imprisoned in Vermont for crime before he went to Florida.

Burned in Effigy.

Governor Patterson was burned in effigy at Athens, Tenn., Thursday night, this as an expression of disapproval of the pardon of Col. Duncan B. Cooper immediately after the State supreme court had affirmed his sentence of 20 years in prison for the murder of Senator E. W. Carmack. There is much feeling in Athens over the pardon.

Killed by Pitched Ball.

Baseball claimed its first New York victim of the 1910 season in the death of 15-year-old Rudolph Ruhling, who was struck on the head with a pitched ball Monday in that city.

AIRSHIP HITS AUTO

AVIATOR AT MEMPHIS MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

Loses Control of Curtiss Biplane and Plunges With Terrific Force to Earth.

Losing the control of a Curtiss biplane at Memphis, Tenn., which he was operating at a height of 75 feet, J. C. Mars plunged downward with terrific speed into the infield of the aviation course there late Tuesday, alighting on top of a touring automobile, in which were seated three women and two children. The canopy top over the touring car saved the lives of its occupants, only one of whom was slightly injured. The biplane smashed into bits and Mars was caught under the wreckage, but escaped with slight injuries.

The accident brought to a close Memphis' first aviation meet in a thrilling manner. Thousands of people followed the aviator in his flight across the mile course, saw his machine caught in a sudden gust of wind, spin around like a top to an angle right of the line of his original course and then plunge downward.

Its flight was too quick for the occupants of the car to jump and they huddled on the floor of the tonneau. The biplane struck squarely on the engine hood of the automobile and then crumpled over on the canopy top. Mars had shut off his engine when the aeroplane started down and in a few moments scores of spectators were dragging the wreckage from the automobile, first taking out Mars and then the occupants of the touring car.

A few minutes after the accident Mars explained it by saying that his airship was swung around in a gust of wind striking him at right angles and causing him to descend. He said he would have landed safely if he had had a clear field.

Mars' first public flight was made at the Memphis meet and Tuesday he carried off the honors by his high flights, skill and daring. He also succeeded in equalling Curtiss' quick start record of 5 4-5 seconds. Only short flights were attempted by Curtiss and Mars owing to the weather conditions.

OIL OF JOY AS COAL OIL.

Barrel of Booze Seized Bearing that Brand.

Whiskey is sometimes called the "oil of joy", but it is seldom that it figures as coal oil. A case of this sort has just arisen, however, at the little town of Hamlet, N. C., where the United States revenue officers have just laid bare an ingenious fraud.

A barrel which came to Hamlet marked "coal oil" was found to contain a smaller barrel of whiskey. The larger receptacle of the two had a 50 gallon capacity and that containing the ardent spirits a 20 five gallon capacity. Of course, the scheme was designed primarily to evade the prohibition laws of North Carolina, but it is also violative one of the United States statutes as to the shipment of whiskey.

REMOVE TABLE KNIFE.

From Stomach of an Insane Woman Successfully.

Seventeen physicians of Los Angeles, Cal., assisted at an operation recently for the removal of a table knife, nine inches long, from the stomach of Mrs. Sarah Carlson, an insane woman. The operation was successful and Mrs. Carlson is recovering. The knife had been in the stomach of the woman for several hours before the physicians could be induced to believe that the woman, who told of having swallowed it, was not joking about the matter.

Killed Her Husband.

A quarrel at Pittsburg, Kan., on Monday, said to have been started over a woman terminated in Mrs. Walter Caldwell killing her husband. According to Mrs. Caldwell, she saw her husband on a street with another woman. When he came home she upbraided him. Mrs. Caldwell surrendered. She will plead self-defense.

How to See the Comet.

If you will get up just before sunrise or thereabouts, you will get a glimpse of Halley's Comet in the eastern sky. It will rise earlier each morning until April 18, when it will be visible for two hours and a half before sunrise. After May 18, we won't have to lose any more beauty sleep to see it, as it will be visible in the western sky after sunset.

Will See Comet Twice.

Nine inmates of two institutions for the care of the aged and infirm in Savannah, Ga., have lived to an age when within the next few weeks they will have twice witnessed the appearance of the same comet in this planetary system after an interval of three-quarters of a century.

CALL ON TAFT

South Carolina Bleached Republicanism in Washington.

THEY HAVE A GOOD TIME

Palmetto State Adherents to the Lilly White Republican Party, to the Number of Fourteen, Make a Most Favorable Impression on the Man of Dough in the White House.

The white Republican party of South Carolina, fourteen strong called on President Taft Monday and received the congratulations of the administration on the general pulchritude of its personnel.

Zack McGhee in his Washington letter to The State says at a formal meeting of the party Monday night, there was a spirited race for the most pulchritudinous gentleman, in which Col. Purcell, postmaster of Newberry, dominated the situation.

With a strong tendency to insurgency on the part of Col. Thomas Hester of Gaffney, and J. P. Little of Clinton, Col. Geo. H. Huggins, postmaster of Columbia, is a near insurgent, but will vote with the organization if only they will work for a new postoffice building in Columbia. Mart Floyd takes his defeat with becoming grace, knowing that as he has the goods he is not worried over the poor judgment of his peers.

The party, which is under the leadership of Capt. John G. Capers, is in Washington to make a formal demonstration of the respectability of the Republican party in South Carolina. After a brief "audience" with the President, they were given a luncheon at the Metropolitan club, the most fashionable of such institutions in Washington, by John Hays Hammond, chairman of the League of Republican Clubs of the United States.

In the afternoon they visited, en masse Postmaster General Hitchcock, the political manager of the administration, who received them with great cordiality and evidences of increased respect for the new Republicanism of South Carolina.

President Taft was apparently well pleased at the looks of the party and was intensely interested in their representations of the prospects of increasing their numbers in South Carolina. And the chairman of the League of Republican Clubs, John Hays Hammond, in luncheon them at "so smart" a club as the Metropolitan, showed that he was not indifferent to the charms of real pulchritude.

Now there is another bunch of fellows, which, at times, represent themselves as being the true exponents of Republicanism in South Carolina, the same being this Charleston bunch, composed of the Hon. Harris, postmaster, and the Hon. Durant, collector, strongly indignant and sponsored by such personal friends of President Taft as the Hon. Hemphill, formerly of Charleston, now of Richmond, and sometimes known as the deacon, and the Hon. Rhett, mayor Charleston, but these are simply buttliners. Maj. Hemphill is a Democrat; Rhett is a Democrat, and Harris and Durant are carpet baggers. The sure enough friends of the administration, the ones who are going to carry South Carolina for the Republican ticket next time, are the ones who called on the President.

The fourteen are: John G. Capers of Greenville and Washington; C. J. Purcell of Newberry, W. M. Floyd—that's "Mart" you know—of Spartanburg, Jas. E. Hunter of Union, Chas. Dudley, J. F. Jenkins and Thomas Hester of Gaffney, Geo. H. Huggins, Lawson D. Melton and W. Boyd Evans of Columbia, Leomas Blalock of Goldville, Allen D. Webster of Orangeburg, J. P. Little of Clinton and Charles Burns of Westminster.

After the formal reception by Postmaster General Hitchcock, Capers and Blalock remained to talk over the situation. What was said is not known, but it is supposed that they talked over federal patronage and the general good of the Republican party in South Carolina.

There are several postmasters in South Carolina still unsettled, and something is to be done about them. Notable among these are those at Laurens and Union. James E. Hunter is the son of Postmaster J. C. Hunter. Geo. McCravy of Laurens, whose appointment is also held up, was not present. But those who were are his friends. The others are not seeking anything for themselves.

They are in Washington solely in the interests of the party and the country. Yet, of course, the postmasters are taking this opportunity to put in a few licks for the improvement of their offices.

Mr. Huggins is working in the interests of the new building at Columbia and other improvements. Before he leaves he will confer with a number of congressmen whom he hopes to interest in the building appropriation. Mr. Floyd is working to get some needed improvements and extensions in the service at

THEY HAVE A CLUB

BLIND TIGERS ORGANIZED TO HELP ONE ANOTHER.

A Wilmington, N. C., Member Confesses that He Paid Five Dollars Per Month in Dues.

Marion L. Winner, a middle-aged white man, convicted in the superior court Saturday night of selling whiskey at Wilmington, N. C., and sentenced to six months on the roads, Judge Cooke sustaining the judgment of the recorder's court, Tuesday made a sensational affidavit in which he made the confession and declared that there are more than one hundred holders of government liquor license in Wilmington; that the blind tigers have a thorough organization known as "Association Number Six;" that he has paid regularly into the coffers of the association \$5 a month to be used for political purposes and otherwise, that the members had been given to understand that if arrested and carried before the recorder the severest punishment would be a fine and costs; that in case public sentiment was such that it would be necessary to give road sentences the members were to be warned in ample time. The affiant then sets out that he was not warned and that he has been made a scapegoat of by his former pretended friends.

In conclusion the affiant says that the confession and exposure of those he says have deserted him is made for the sole purpose of aiding him in his effort to have his sentence stricken out or reduced.

Winner's attorney will go before Judge Cooke and ask for a hearing of the matter. It is understood that many rank prohibitionists will give Winner their moral support in view of his affidavits.

We wonder if any of the blind tigers of this city who have recently been brought up before the Mayor were members of this club.

BITTERLY CRITICISED.

Patterson Justly Roasted for Pardoning Cooper.

Capt. G. T. Fitzhugh, of Memphis, Tenn., assistant counsel for the prosecution in the Cooper case, whose speech at the famous trial attracted widespread attention, characterized the pardon of D. B. Cooper as an outrage. Wednesday he said: "The disgraceful haste displayed by the Governor in pardoning D. B. Cooper before the ink was hardly dry on the Supreme Court opinion convicted him of murder, shocks every sense of decency."

"Sworn to execute the laws as construed by the highest Court, the Governor, without even a petition from any one, tramples law under foot and sets aside the Court's decision for the benefit of a cold blooded murderer, whose influence with the Governor is, and has been, far more potent than the interests and safety of the people of this great Commonwealth."

DEATH OF JUDGE HASKELL.

A Gallant Soldier and Good Citizen Passes Away.

Judge A. C. Haskell, for many years one of the leading men of the state, both in public life and in business affairs died Tuesday morning at Columbia. Monday night Judge Haskell was operated on for an obstruction of the intestines. He stood the operation well and his condition was such as greatly to encourage his physicians and friends. Later in the night, however, he grew rapidly worse and early Tuesday morning the end came. He was 71 years old. Judge Haskell served with distinction in the Confederate army during the civil war.

GALLERY FALLS.

Six Persons are Seriously Hurt in the Accident.

At New Orleans six persons were injured, one fatally, when the gallery of a building at Canal and South Rampart streets collapsed Thursday, precipitating a dozen or more persons into the street.

Loosened bricks from the building fell on top of the wrecked gallery and an unidentified boy about 14 year of age was crushed so badly that he was found to be in a dying condition when taken to the hospital. The other five, all residents of New Orleans, were not seriously injured.

Policemen Must Pay Debts.

Atlanta policemen must either pay their debts or leave the force. Following the suspension of two patrolmen several days ago the board of police commissioners announced that similar action would be taken in all cases where policemen were found to be delinquent in meeting their obligations.

Spartanburg, and Mr. Webster has been putting in a few licks in favor of an increase for the new building at Orangeburg.